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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following Amendment to the above-referenced Application prior to calculation of the fees and prior to examination.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

A --22. A nonwoven web material comprising cellulosic and synthetic fibres, wherein the web material exhibits lower cross direction wet expansion than a similar web material comprising only the same cellulosic fibres.